

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 685
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shelby Rye on the occasion of his retirement from coaching.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those coaches who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shelby Rye is one such estimable person who has served with probity for thirty-five years as a baseball and basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Austin Peay University and a former collegiate athlete, Shelby Rye began coaching at age 21 as a basketball coach at Cheatham County High School; and

WHEREAS, after a six-year coaching stint at Cheatham County, Coach Rye came to Dickson County High School, where he has coached for the past twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Rye will be retiring from coaching after the end of this baseball season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rye coached baseball from 1980 to 1987 at Dickson County High School during which time he led the Cougars to five straight district championships and one region title; and

WHEREAS, returning to baseball in 1998, Coach Shelby Rye advanced the Dickson County Cougars to the last four district finals, winning one in 2003, and the Region 5-3A final, which Championship Title the team captured last season; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Rye has coached a total of twenty-two basketball seasons and sixteen baseball seasons; and

WHEREAS, more importantly, this estimable educator and coach was instrumental in the overall development of many young men; the vast majority of his players have translated the

work ethic, determination, and character they cultivated under Coach Rye's direction into success in later life and have become leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, under his able guidance, fifteen players have received scholarships to play collegiate athletics in the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shelby Rye has been universally praised by the baseball and basketball community of Tennessee, and he holds a singular position in the history of Dickson County High School athletics; his departure from the baseball field will leave a void that will not easily be filled; and

WHEREAS, the transition for the baseball program and the next coach will be tremendously aided by Coach Rye's wisdom and experience, as he will remain at Dickson County High School as a Physical Education and Wellness teacher; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Coach Shelby Rye has earned the respect and admiration of his coaching peers and players alike; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Rye exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Coach Rye has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his student athletes to reach their potential, and his greatest and most enduring legacy is the success of the young men who matured under his tutelage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Coach Shelby Rye of Dickson County High School our thanks for his laudable service to high school baseball, high school basketball, and the youth of Tennessee, and we offer our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from coaching and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.